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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on 10/16/2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other Request for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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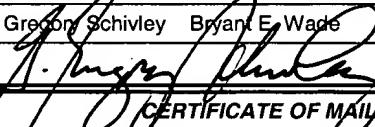
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other Any deficiency for a fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.

b. Check in the amount of \$ 880 enclosed

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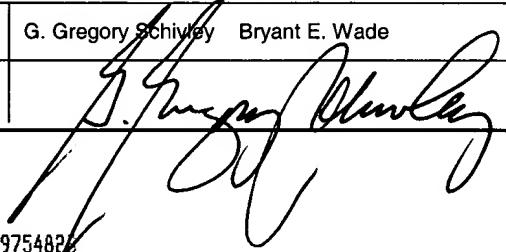
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